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The Wonderful World of Webster

BY WEBSTER WILDCAT NEWS STAFF

Mr. Head is Retiring!

Since Mr. Head will be leaving us this year, we decided to ask him questions about his retirement plans. When asked what were his plans after he retired? He replied, "My plans are to go to Grand Prairie Texas and play lots of golf." We then asked him what are your best memories here at Webster? He replied, "I cannot bring up one



memory. I have so many that I will never forget." We then asked him what he planned to do this summer. Mr. Head said, "Just move to Texas." We asked him if he was ever going to work as a principal again? He said, "Yes, as a substitute principal." We asked him how was his experience with the teachers? He said, "I loved working with them. They are a great team!" When asked how long he had worked here at Webster? He replied with a smile, "All my life!" Our last question was how old is Webster Middle School? He said, "The school was built in 1956, can you figure it out?"

Two Young Author Winners from Webster to be Honored at ISU

By guest writer, Mrs. Linda Barsky



Irvin Gomez and Vinizio Vasquez, both eighth graders, became district winners in the 2006 Young Author's Contest for their creative and well-written short stories. They are the only middle school winners and are

joined by only three other winners from the elementary segment of Waukegan District #60.

They will be honored by attending a statewide Young Author's Conference at Illinois State University on May 19-20. For the first time in the contest's twenty year history, these students, their families and their teacher, Mrs. Linda Barsky, will be guests of District #60 at the Holiday Inn on Friday, May 19th, and the following day's activities and luncheon.

Both high honor students, Gomez and Vasquez chose unusual plots in different genres. Gomez chose the genre of realist fiction for his "rags to riches" story of a Brazilian soccer player entitled "Theater of Dreams." He successfully used the flashback and figurative writing techniques. Vasquez chose a nouveau science fiction theme for his innovative philosophical story, "The End's New Beginning." Both stories will be on display at the Statewide Young Author's Conference

2006 Poetry Contest Winners

This year's Poetry Contest Reception was a great success. Mrs. O'Donnell and Ms. Dawn organized a great party to honor all of those who submitted a qualifying poem. All of the poems will be typed and put into a book for all of the poetry contest participants. Ribbons were awarded to first place, second place, third place, fourth place, and honorable mention winners. Here are the first place winners from all grades:

<i>Vanesa Arias</i>	<i>Jesus Hernandez</i>
<i>Miguel Cruz</i>	<i>Sarah Navarro</i>
<i>Yarina Matute</i>	<i>Cathy Padilla</i>
<i>Lizbeth Rios</i>	<i>Yesenia Rodriguez</i>
<i>Casandra Vazquez</i>	<i>Bertha Salgado</i>
<i>Maria Zuniga</i>	<i>Carlos Tamez</i>
<i>Linda Busto</i>	<i>Zach Victoria</i>
<i>Dinice Calderon</i>	<i>Diashayia Wilkans</i>
<i>Janea Carroll</i>	<i>Shanice Witherspoon</i>
<i>Jorge Figueroa</i>	

Poetry Book Cover Winner: Sarah Navarro



Soccer Season

This year Webster has three soccer teams, varsity, junior varsity, and the girls' team. So far the varsity and the junior varsity have both won two games, and so far the girls' team has won one game. The coaches are Mr. Z, Mr. Soto, and Ms. Bustamante.



Teachers Retiring This Year

We all know that Mr. Head is retiring, but did you know two other members of the Webster Community are also retiring? Mr. Miller-Calvente and Mrs. Stannard are also retiring at the end of this year. Here is what they have to say about Webster and their plans for the future:

Mr. Miller-Calvente



Mr. Miller-Calvente is retiring at the end of this year. He has said, "I will remember my student for the most part after I retire from full time teaching. I will teach part time at Collage of Lake County. I will not work full time because of health problems. However, I will come back next year to visit everyone and I will come back for the 8th grade graduation. I

will visit my students and all those of whom I know and will miss from the school. I could have retired years ago but it was the love for Webster students, not just my own, and for the love of teaching that I stayed. I will miss everyone. Thanks for everything." We will miss you too Mr. Miller-Calvente!

Mrs. Standard



Mrs. Standard, one of our school's counselors will also be retiring this year. She has been working here for fourteen years. Before she became a counselor she taught for years at Washington and Oakdale Elementary Schools. When she retires, she plans on reading, traveling, and working part time working around books. Mrs. Standard said that the best part about her job is helping kids

fell better. The worst part of her job has been when she is not able to help kids fell better. Ms. Standard was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. She has one son who is eighteen years old and one daughter who is thirty years old. Mrs. Standard's most memorable experience at Webster was when Dr. Wright passed away and the school came to together as a family in their grief and helped one another. Her favorite saying is: It is not the destiny, it is the journey that matters.

Mrs. Willman

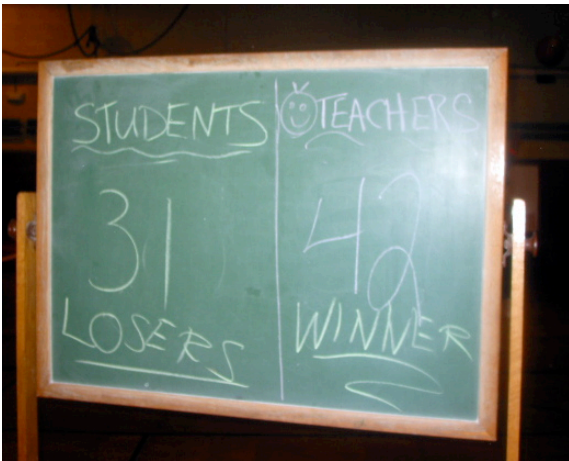
Mrs. Willman, a sixth grade science teacher is retiring this year too. We wish Mrs. Willman well.



Faculty-Student Basketball Game



Students played the faculty during a basketball game here at Webster, right before spring break. The game was a lot of fun to watch but, the teachers crushed the student's team winning 42 points to 31 points.



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Immigration protest

On May 1, 2006, the protest/boycott, that everyone seems to be talking about was held. It took place in downtown Chicago and also all over the nation. Around a half million people gathered together to voice their opinions on the Bill HR4437 referring to the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act. As you may have noticed stores and restaurants were closed so that employees would be able to go and attend the march. Students also skipped school to join in on the action and join their parents. Many adults missed a day of work to go to the march, but many of those adults knew that if they attend they might be risking their jobs. Many had to sign a permission slip to attend and if not they could have gotten fired.

These articles are the opinions of the authors and not necessarily the opinions of Webster Middle School or Webster Wildcat Newspaper. If you have an issue or opinion you would like to voice, please submit it to the Webster News. You can drop your letter in Ms. Mlinar-Stephens or Ms. Eder's mailbox in the office.

Missed the last issue?

Remember to check out Webster News Online and the teacher pages at www.waukeganschools.org/webster

F.Y.I.




Here are some dates that important to remember as our school year comes to a close.

May 29th	No School - Memorial Day
June 7th	8th Grade Promotion
June 9th	Last Day of School



Dear Advice
Lady,



Dear Advice Lady is a monthly column in the Webster Newspaper. We will try to address as many questions as we can every month. See if your question appears. Questions can be put in the folder taped on the wall, next to Mr. Head's office or dropped in Ms. Eder's or Ms. Mlinar-Stephens' mailbox in the office.

Dear Advice Lady,

My brother is great but he has a problem. I caught him smoking pot (I think) in the backyard while my parents were in the house. I'm scared that he is using drugs and he will mess his life up. He's my only brother and I don't want to lose him.

Signed, Scared Sister

Dear Scared Sister;

Your brother is lucky to have such a caring sister. First, try talking to your parents about what you think is happening with your brother. If you feel uncomfortable about doing that, talk to a counselor at school or another adult you trust. Good luck!

Signed, The Advice Lady

Dear Advice Lady,
 I have a bit of a problem. Some girls play hard to get with me, and I was wondering how I should deal with this. Like most guys I have problems with talking to girls and I don't know what to do about it. I know that they like me but I don't know if I should go and talk to her. I don't know how to start a conversation. I'm afraid that I might say the wrong thing at the wrong time and she'll turn away and never talk to me again. I don't know if I should go up to her and talk, or should I wait and let her come up to me and talk to me first? I really need help on whether I should ask her out or should we just be friends. I need help. I don't know how to talk to her. Should I talk to her or if I should leave it alone. I NEEDED HELP!!!

Signed, Concerned student

Dear Concerned Student;
 Start by just saying hello. That can't hurt. You will know immediately if she is interested in you or not. If the conversation flows naturally, relax! Signed, The Advice Lady

Brookfield Zoo Outing

Mrs. Lewis' class visited Brookfield Zoo. Fun was had by everyone who attended.



Flowers are blooming!



Remember the tulip buds that were planted in the fall for Red Ribbon Week? Well, they have finally bloomed. Thanks to National Junior Honor Society and Mrs.

Turner for providing the bulbs and students for providing the muscle!

Mystery Teacher



This is the mystery teacher's 1st year at Webster. He likes to work with students who will put in extra time in learning science. He has a wife and two boys. He was born in Rolla, Missouri. His hobbies include boat building and any outdoor activities. His favorite restaurant

is Bob Chinn's. His favorite dinner meal is Corn Beef and Cabbage. His favorite movie is 84 Charlie Mopic. The person that he most adores is his father. If he won the lottery he would Pre-pay his kid's education x2, help his family, and take my wife to Jamaica.

Mystery Student



Our mystery student is an 8th grader here at Webster. He/she was born in Mexico. His/her hobby is playing board games. He/she has five sisters. His/her favorite food is mole. His/her favorite restaurant is The Walnut Room. What he/she likes best about school are the field trips. He/she thinks

that family is cool! He/she does not have a favorite movie, he/she has many favorites. The person that he/she admires most in the world is Emeril Lagasse from the Food Network. If he/she won the lottery, he/she would buy all the board games in the world.

Who has these eyes?



Be the first after 2:00 p.m. today to name the mystery student, the mystery teacher AND the person who owns these eyes and win a prize. Cut out and turn in this form to room 112 with your your answer and name on it.

These eyes belong to: _____

The Mystery teacher is: _____

The Mystery student is: _____

Name: _____